

Appln. No. 10/031,160
Amendment
Reply to Office Action dated March 16, 2004

Docket No. 304-777

REMARKS

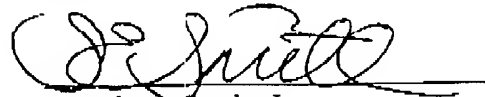
The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Final Office Action dated March 16, 2004. This amendment is accompanied by a Request for Extension of time, together with an authorization to charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-26 were pending. In the Office Action, claims 5 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 1, 3-4, 6-16, 18-21 and 26 were allowed. Claims 2 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5 and 22-25 are cancelled herein, and claims 2 and 17 are rewritten in independent form. All claims are thus in condition for allowance, and prompt allowance is respectfully requested.

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